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(54) **METHOD OF INSTALLING SEISMIC ISOLATION FLOOR**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method of installing a base isolation floor includes a base arrangement process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases, which are formed so that a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions are aligned on an upper surface, on double-sided tapes applied onto an upper surface of a floor over a plurality of columns to be substantially parallel to each other and thereby arranging the bases on the upper surface of the floor and a slide plate installation process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates having a substantially flat lower surface on the base.

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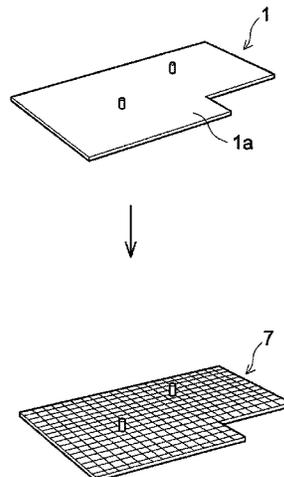


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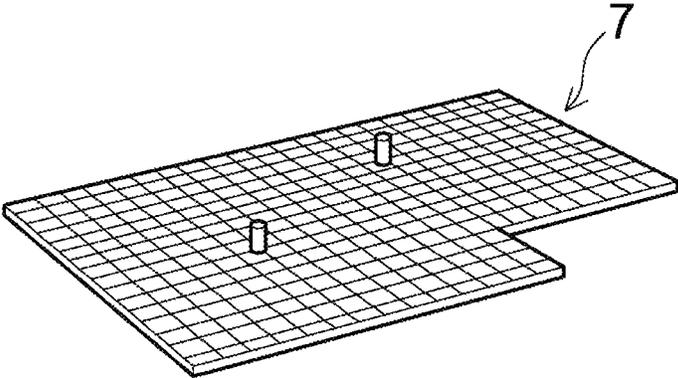
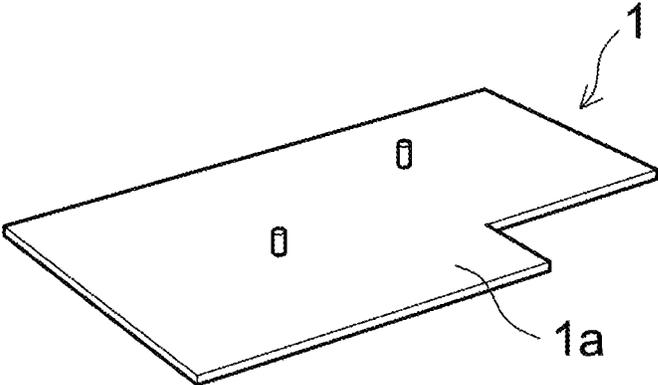


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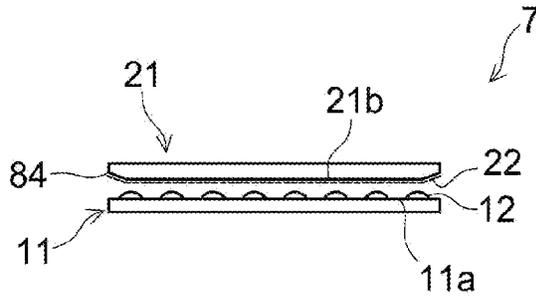


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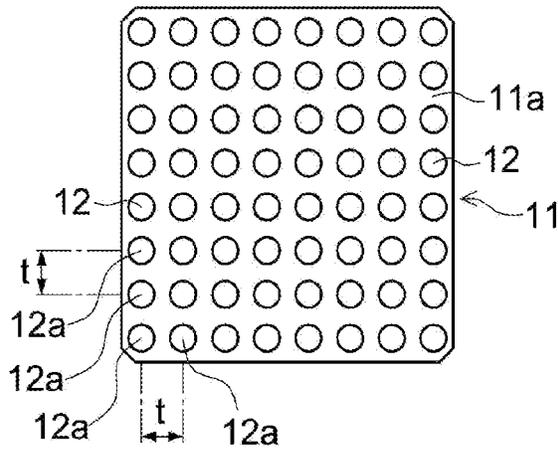


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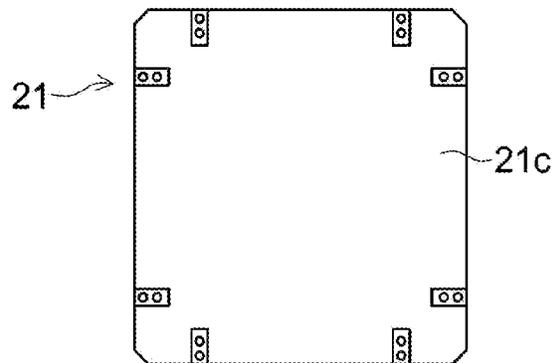


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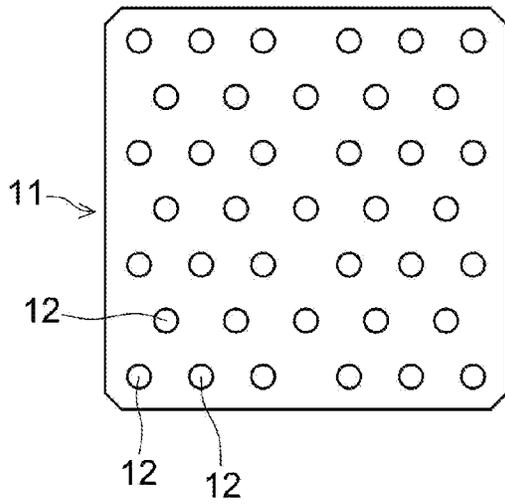


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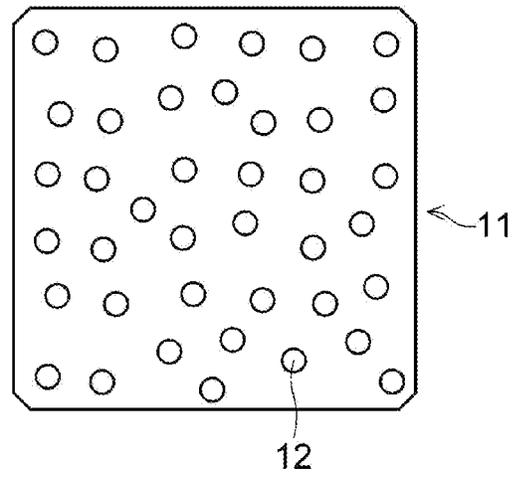
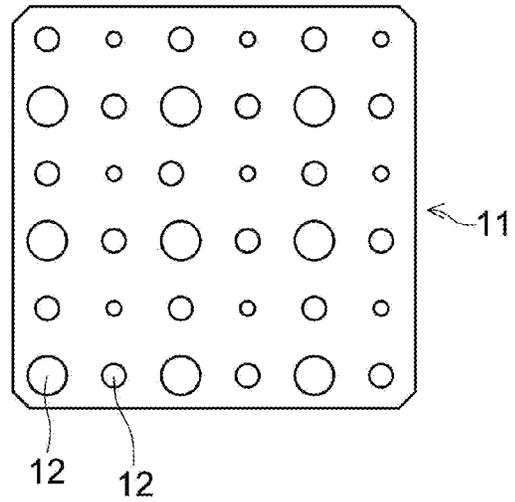
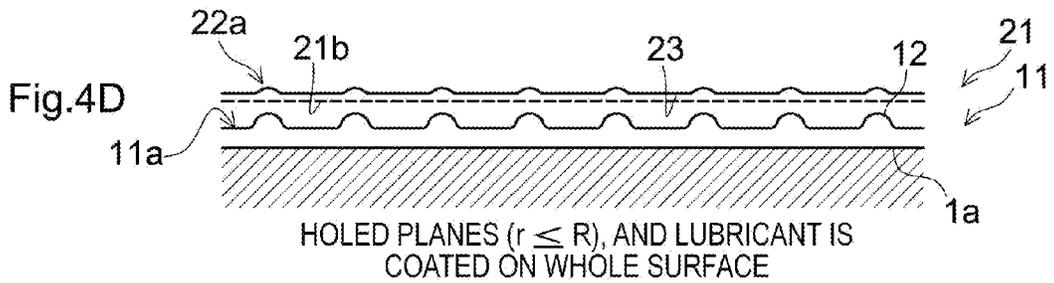
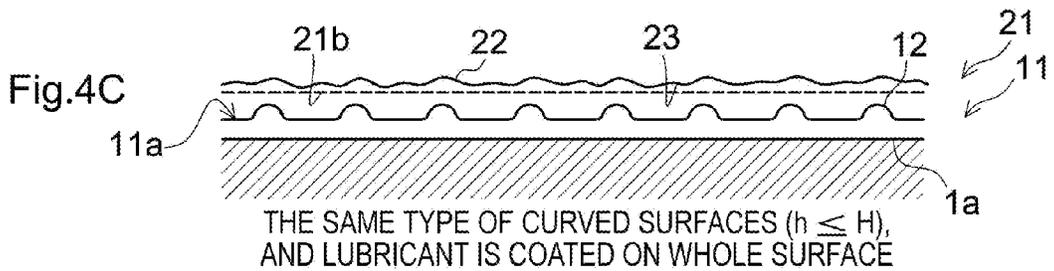
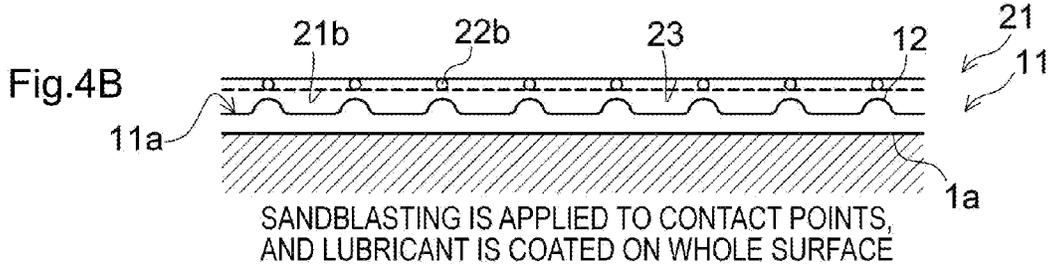
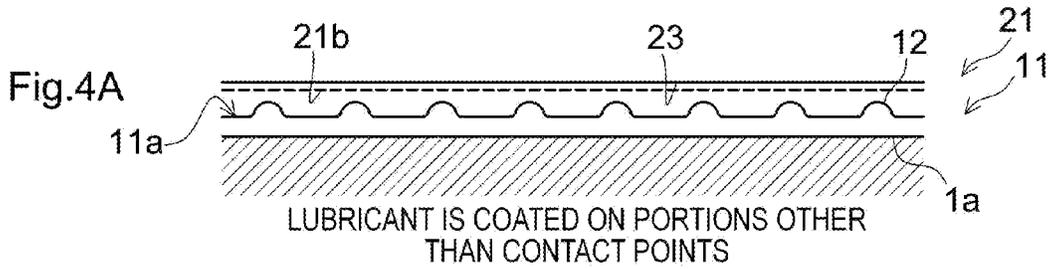


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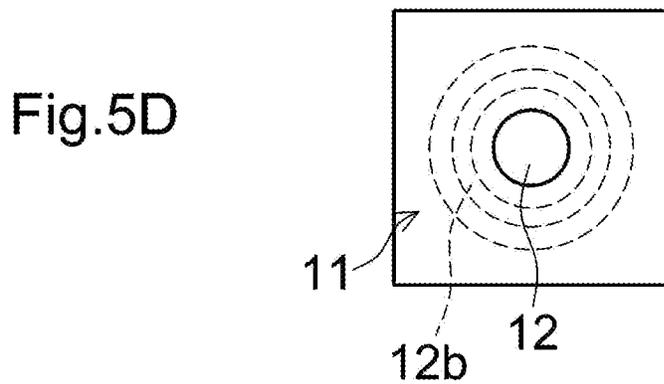
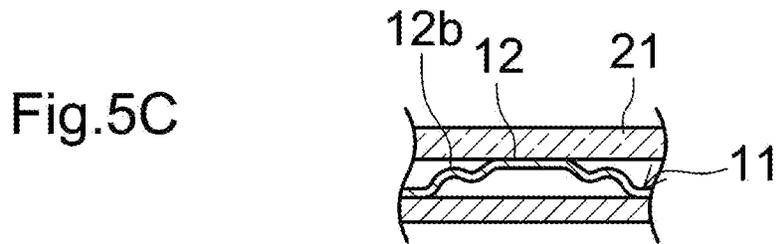
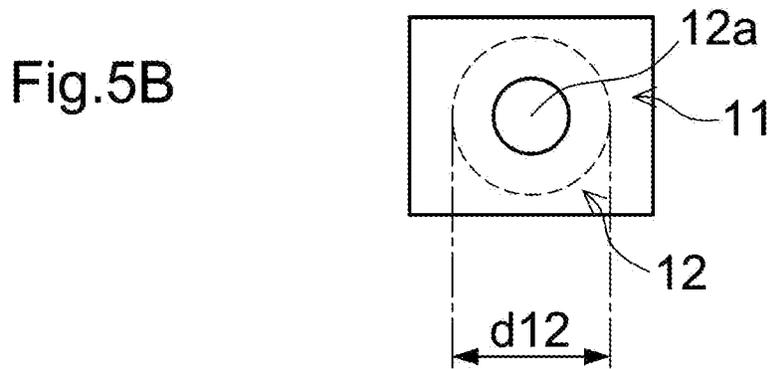
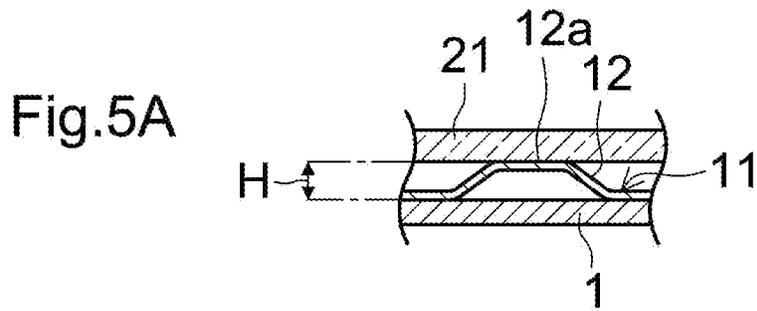


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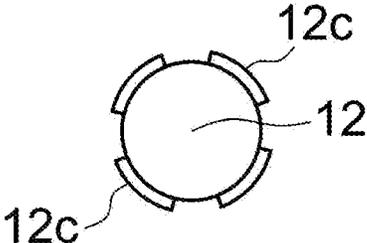


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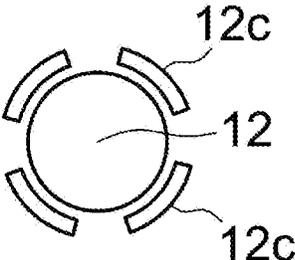


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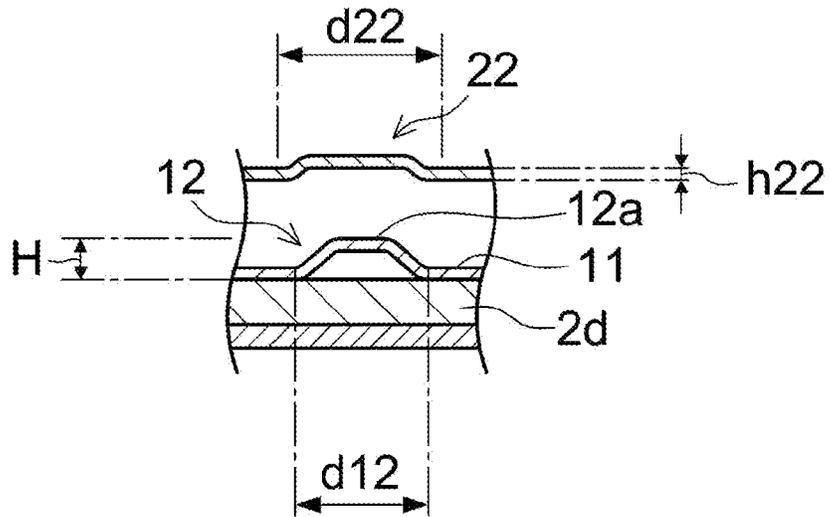
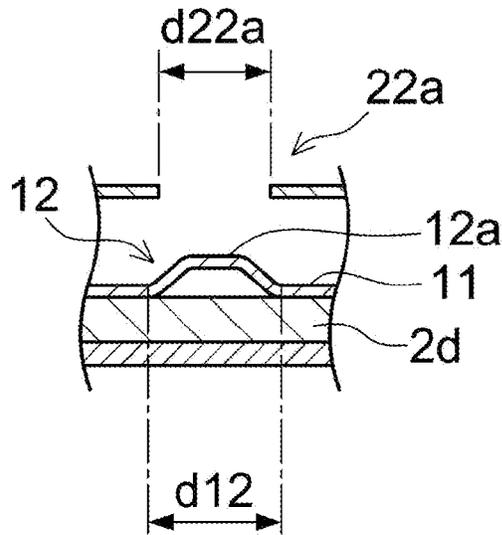


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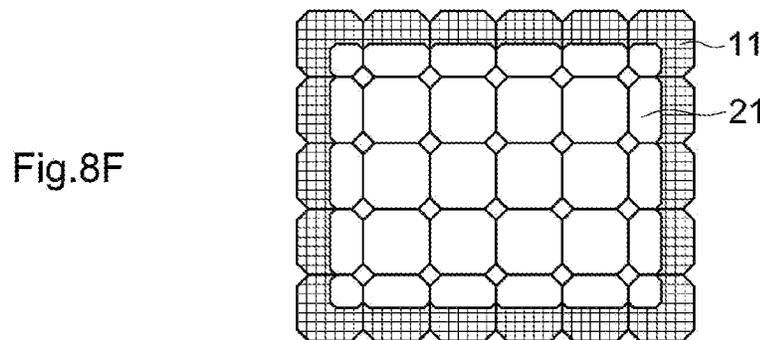
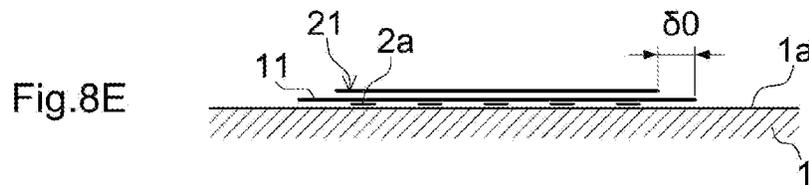
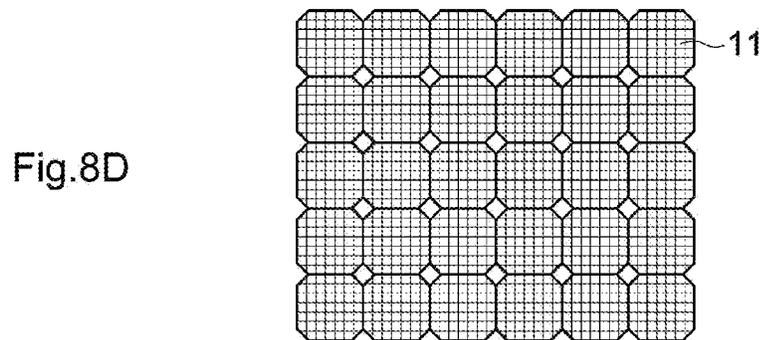
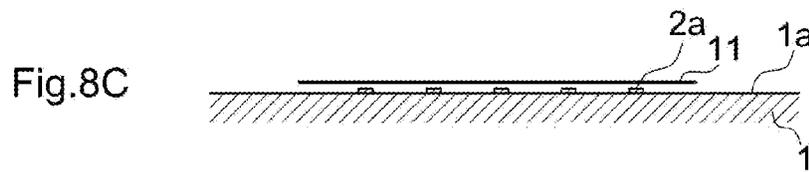
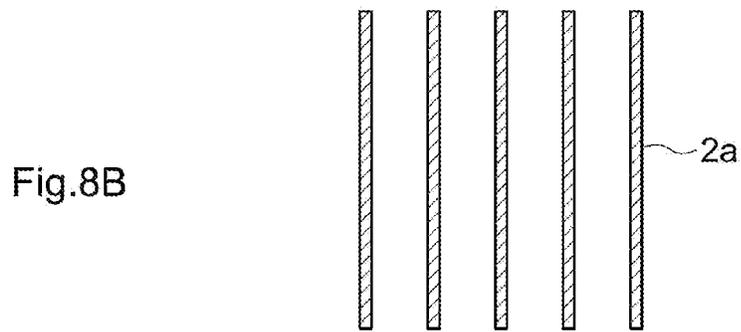
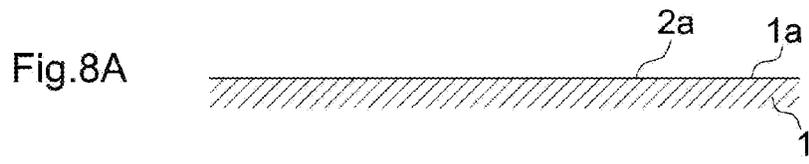


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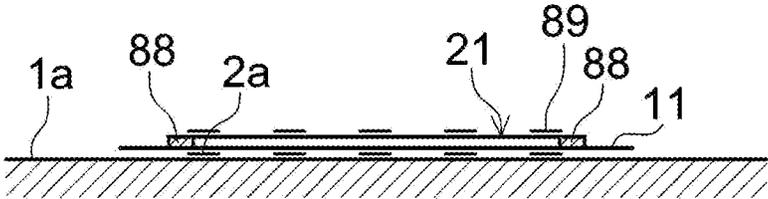


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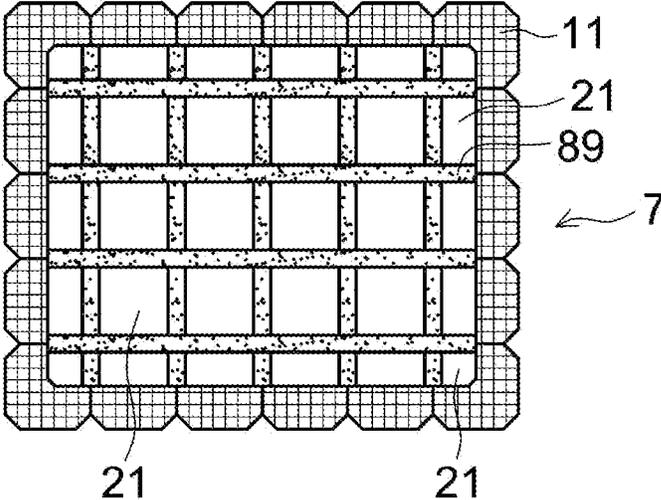


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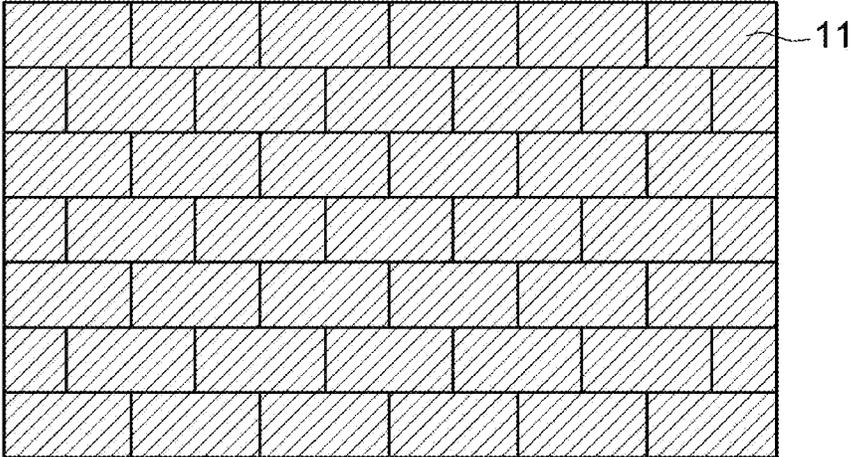


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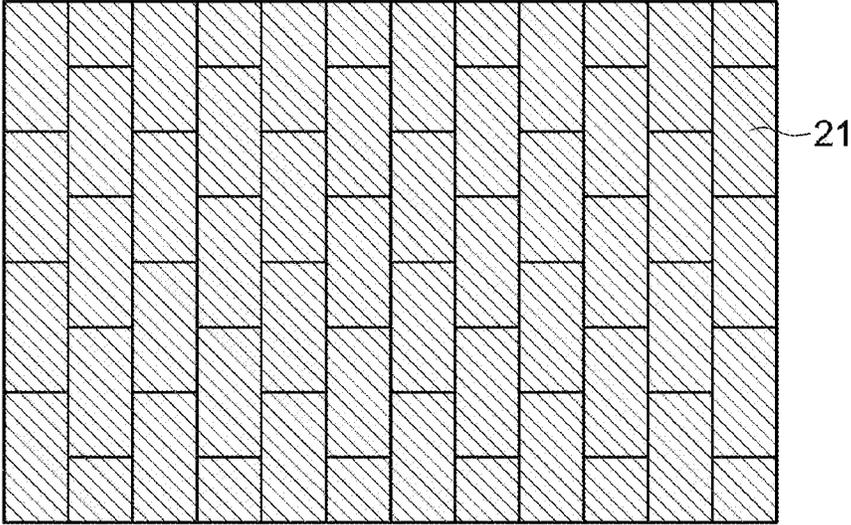


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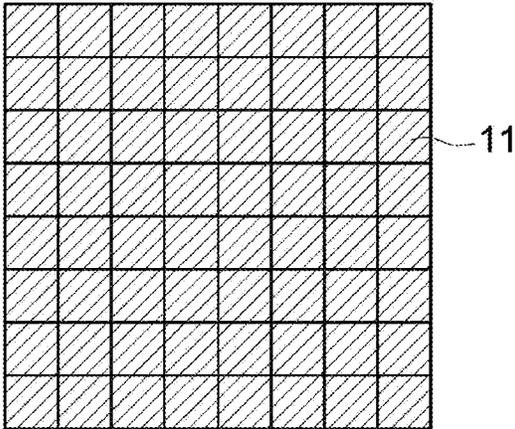


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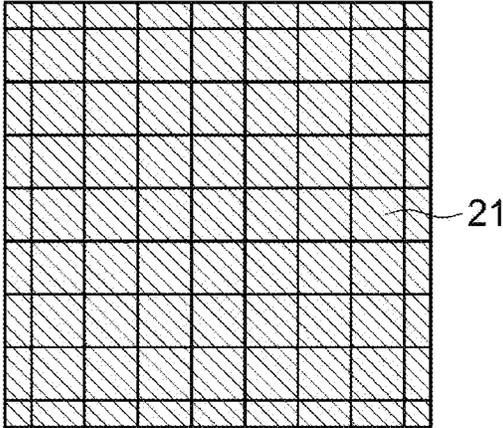


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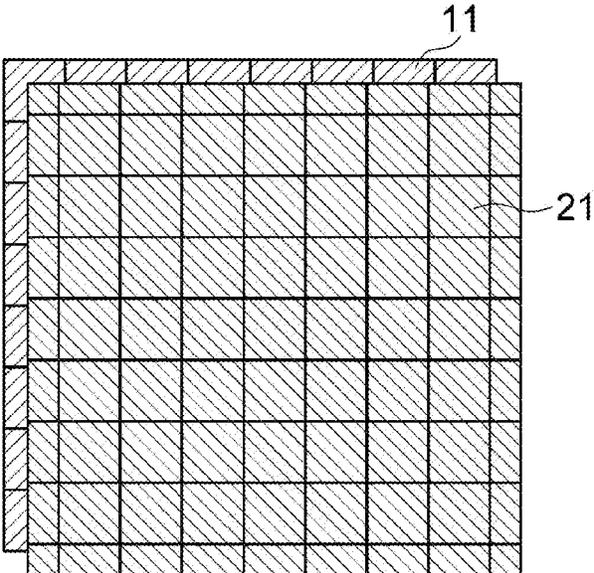


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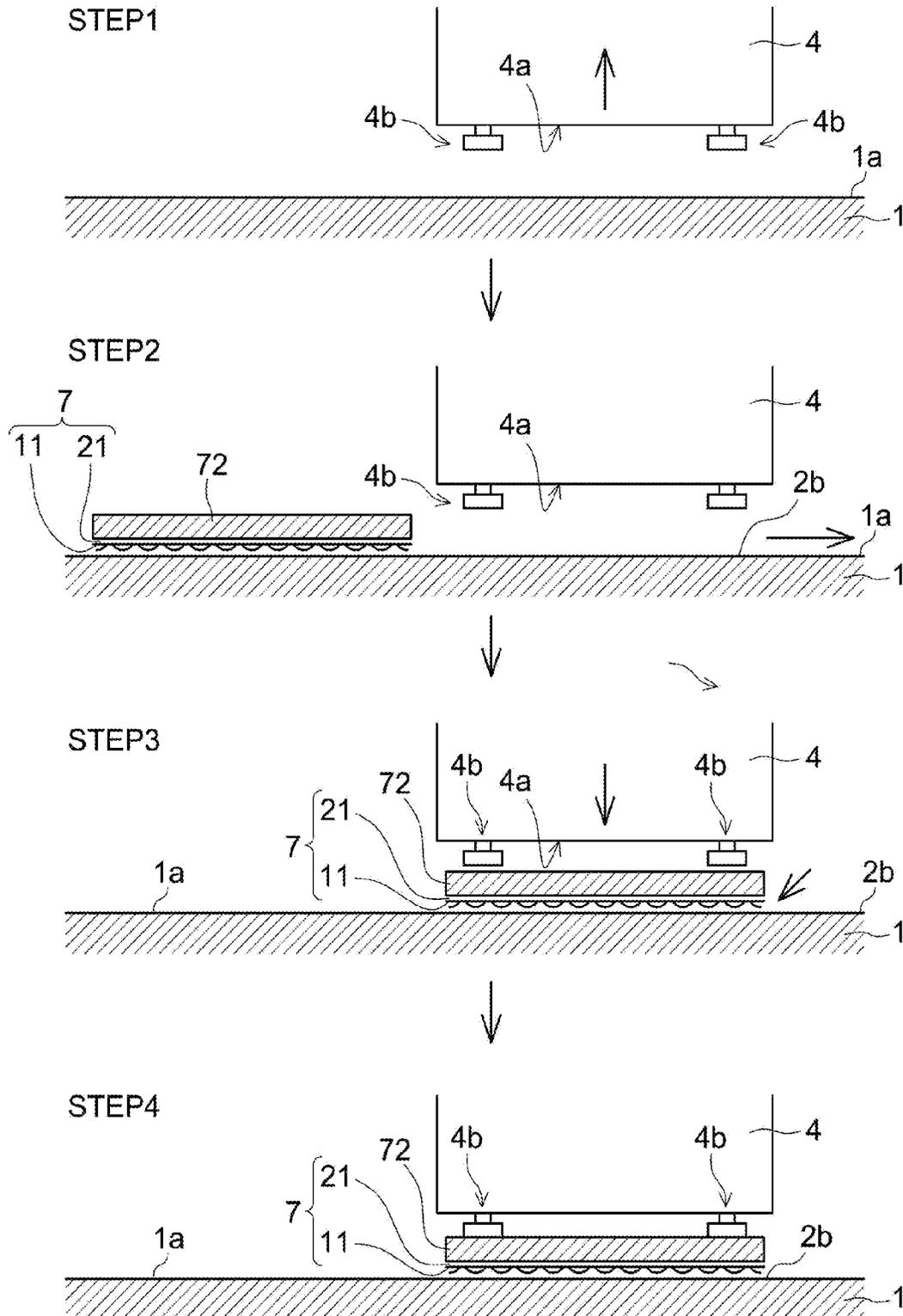


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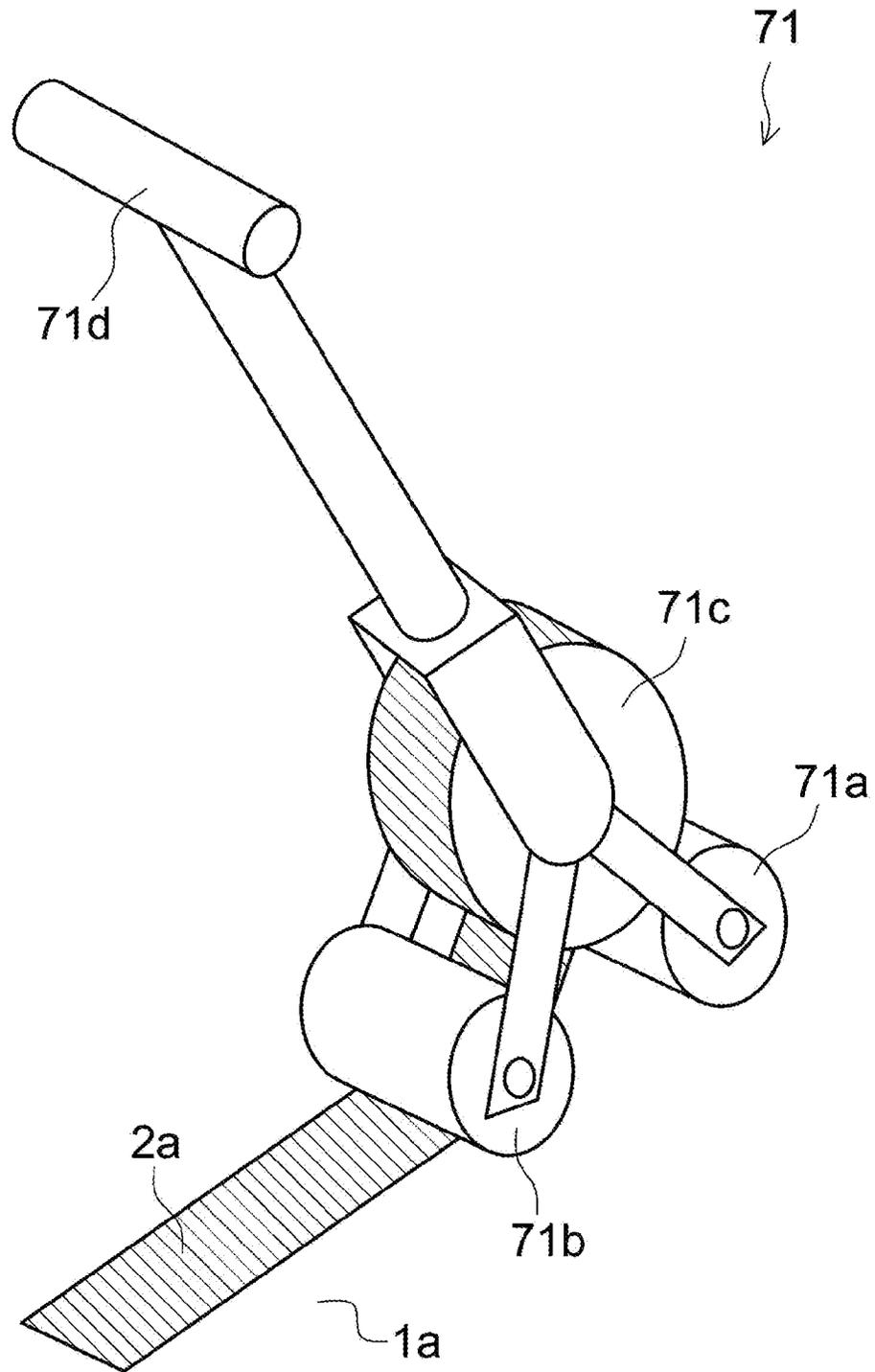


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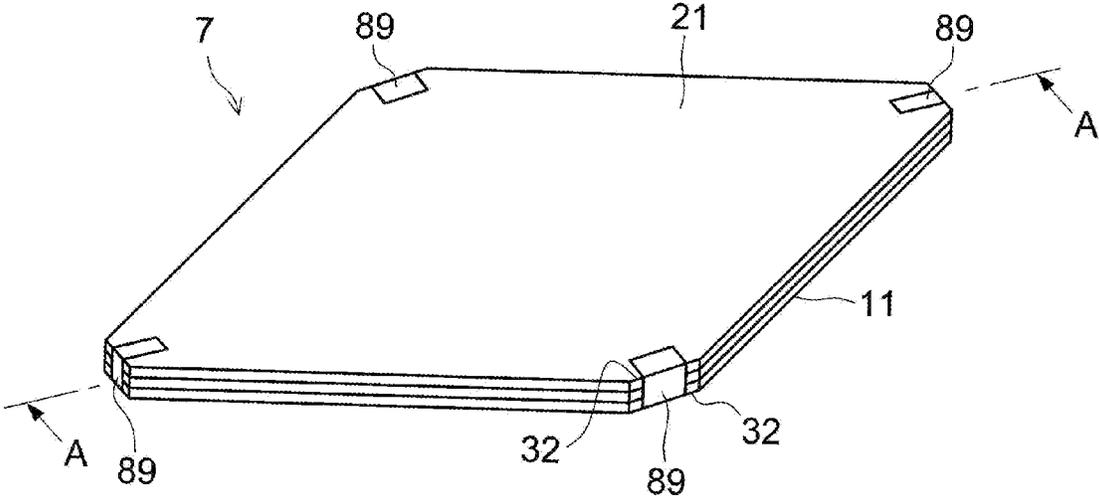


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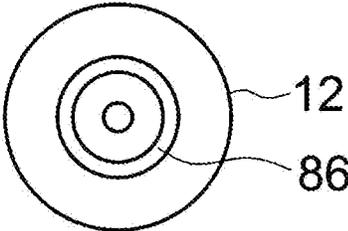


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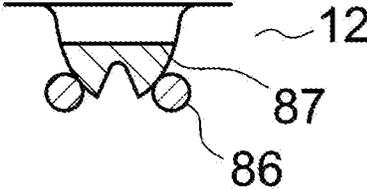


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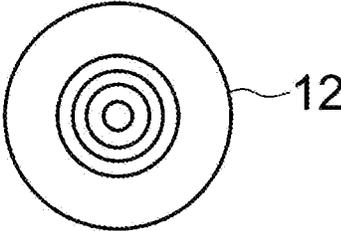


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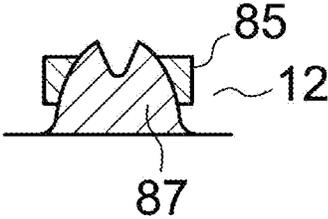


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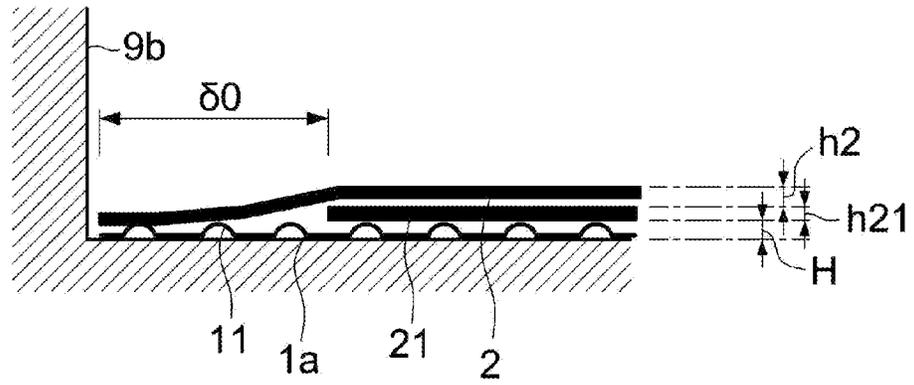


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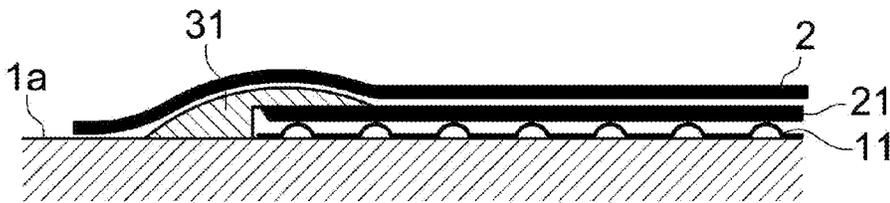


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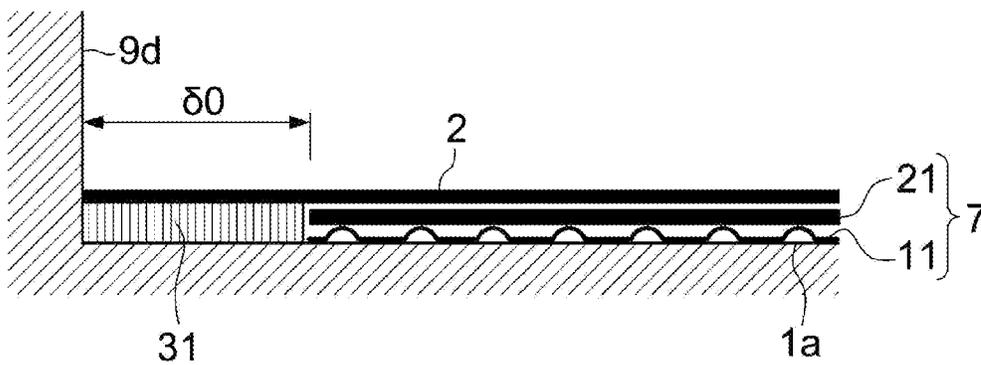


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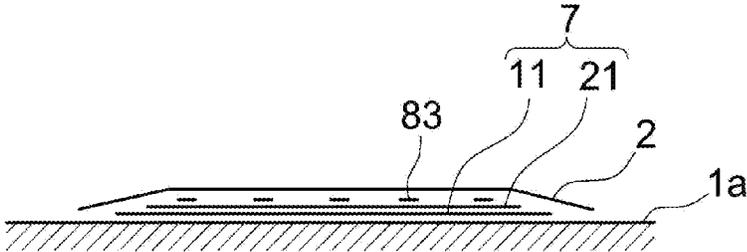


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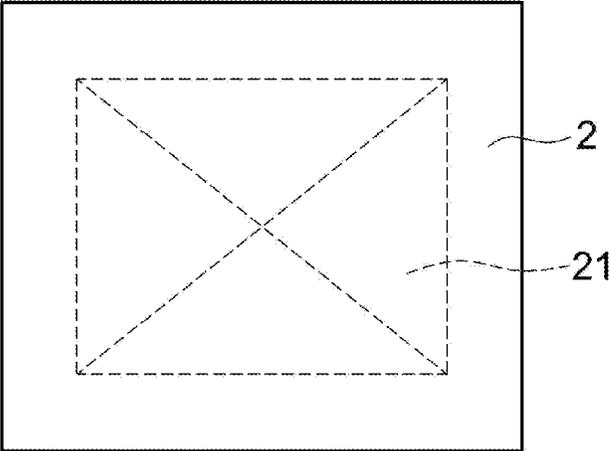


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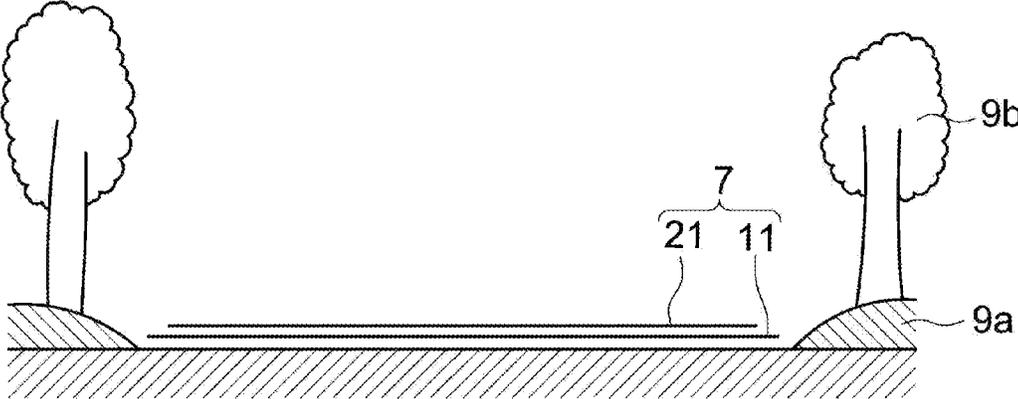


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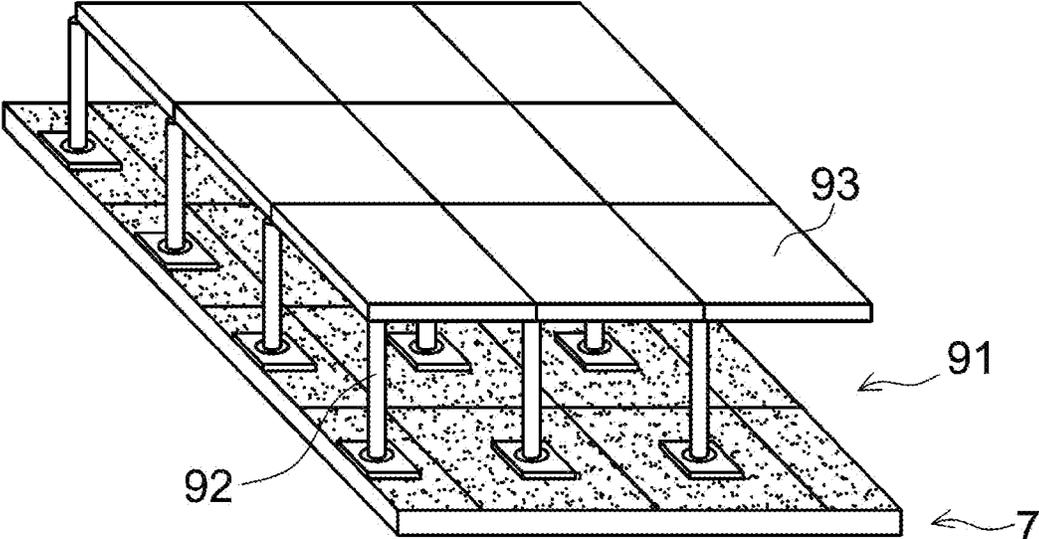


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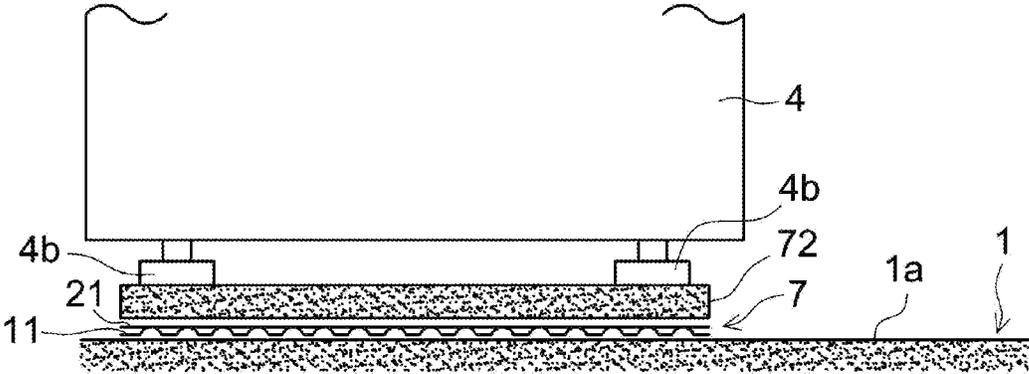
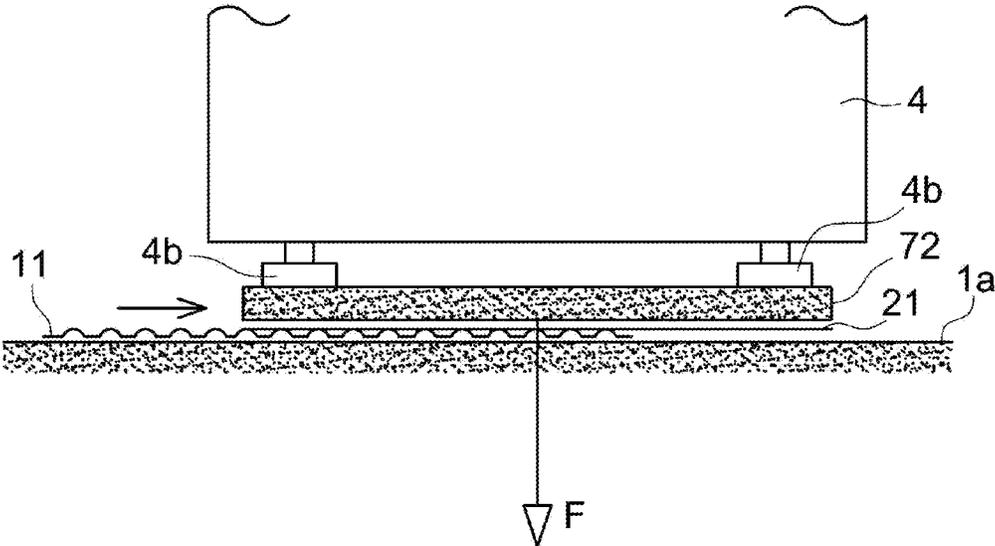


Fig.20B



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## METHOD OF INSTALLING SEISMIC ISOLATION FLOOR

### TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a method of installing a base isolation floor, which is suitably installed for effectively exercising a base isolation function even in a case where massive vibration due to earthquake is generated in a building and a civil engineering structure.

### BACKGROUND ART

As a conventionally proposed indoor base isolation floor structure of a building and the like, as shown in Patent Literature 1, for example, there has been proposed a base isolation floor in which a plurality of ball bearings are fixed to a frame to thereby make the frame movable on a floor slab. In the technique disclosed by the Patent Literature 1, the ball bearings are arranged particularly in a lower portion of a metal pipe, whereby even if an earthquake load acts, since the rolling friction resistance of the ball bearing is small, the vibration is hardly transmitted to the base isolation floor.

Further, as disclosed in Patent Literature 2, there has been proposed a base isolation floor in which an upper plate and a lower plate provided with a plurality of grooves are installed between a floor material and precision equipment and the like, and balls in the grooves are rotated to make the upper plate movable on the lower plate. In the technique disclosed by the Patent Literature 2, even if the earthquake load acts, since the rolling friction resistance of the balls in the grooves is small, the vibration is hardly transmitted to the precision equipment and the like on the upper plate.

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### SUMMARY OF INVENTION

#### Technical Problem

However, the base isolation floor disclosed in the Patent Literature 1 has a structure in which the bearing is attached to a square pipe with bolts and nuts. Thus, in the base isolation floor disclosed in the Patent Literature 1, the thickness of the entire base isolation structure is increased by the thickness of the square pipe and the like, so that the height of a floor surface is increased. When the height of the floor surface is unnecessarily large, there occurs a problem that an effective space in a building and the like is narrowed accordingly.

The base isolation floor disclosed in the Patent Literature 2 is installed between a floor material and precision equipment and the like. Thus, when the base isolation floor is installed with respect to existing precision equipment and the like, the precision equipment and the like are temporarily removed to be moved to another place, and after the base isolation floor is installed, the removed precision equipment and the like are required to be installed to an original position again. Thus, there are problems of an increase in a burden of installation labor and an increase in installation cost.

Meanwhile, in the base isolation floor disclosed in the Patent Literature 2, due to an unexpected large earthquake motion, when the upper plate is moved until the position of

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the ball reaches an end of the groove, the ball and the end of the groove collide with each other, whereby the movement of the upper plate is suddenly stopped at the end of the groove, and there is a problem that the precision equipment and the like on the upper plate may be overturned by the action of inertia.

Thus, the present invention is devised in view of the above problems, an object of the invention is to provide a method of installing a base isolation floor which can effectively utilize an effective space in a building and the like by reducing the thickness of the entire base isolation structure, at the same time, can eliminate the fear of overturning precision equipment and the like because a head drop is small even if the base isolation floor is protruded by an unexpected large earthquake motion, and can reduce installation labor and installation cost.

#### Solution to Problem

In order to solve the above problems, as a result of intensive studies, the present inventor invented the following method of installing a base isolation floor.

A method of installing a base isolation floor according to a first invention includes a base arrangement process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases, which are formed so that a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions are aligned on an upper surface, on double-sided tapes applied onto the floor surface over a plurality of columns to be substantially parallel to each other and thereby arranging the bases on the floor surface and a slide plate installation process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates having a substantially flat lower surface on the base so that the slide plates are moved on the base by an earthquake motion, the slide plates are dropped from above the base, and the slide plates are moved on a floor surface around the base by inertia to be decelerated, and, thus, to stop.

A method of installing a base isolation floor according to a second invention includes a base arrangement process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases, which are formed so that a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions are aligned on an upper surface, on an adhesive layer coated onto the floor surface and thereby arranging the bases on the floor surface and a slide plate installation process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates having a substantially flat lower surface on the base so that the slide plates are moved on the base by an earthquake motion, the slide plates are dropped from above the base, and the slide plates are moved on a floor surface around the base by inertia to be decelerated, and, thus, to stop.

A method of installing a base isolation floor according to a third invention includes a base arrangement process for installing plate-shaped bases, which are formed so that a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions are aligned on an upper surface, on a nonslip sheet having a friction coefficient larger than that of the floor surface and a slide plate installation process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates having a substantially flat lower surface on the base so that the slide plates are moved on the base by an earthquake motion, the slide plates are dropped from above the base, and the slide plates are moved on a floor surface around the base by inertia to be decelerated, and, thus, to stop.

A method of installing a base isolation floor according to a fourth invention includes a base arrangement process for installing plate-shaped bases, which are formed so that a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions are aligned on an upper surface, on a nonslip sheet having a

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friction coefficient larger than that of the floor surface, a slide plate installation process for installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates having a substantially flat lower surface on the base so that the slide plates are moved on the base by an earthquake motion, the slide plates are dropped from above the base, and the slide plates are moved on a floor surface around the base by inertia to be decelerated, and, thus, to stop, and an insertion process for pulling a nonslip sheet while holding an end of the nonslip sheet to move the nonslip sheet while sliding the nonslip sheet on the floor surface, inserting the base and the slide plate, installed on the nonslip sheet, in between the floor surface and a bottom portion of equipment, and installing the equipment on the inserted slide plate.

In a method of installing a base isolation floor according to a fifth invention, in the base arrangement process in the first invention, the floor surface is heated by a heating roller for preheating arranged forward under a room temperature of not more than 0° C. and, at the same time, a double-sided tape is applied by using a roller for use in a refrigerating chamber capable of press-fitting the double-sided tape onto a floor surface, heated by the heating roller for preheating, with a heating roller for press-fitting arranged backward.

In a method of installing a base isolation floor according to a sixth invention, in any one of the first to fifth inventions, the base has a thickness of 1.5 mm.

In a method of installing a base isolation floor according to a seventh invention, in any one of the first to sixth inventions, a lower surface of the slide plate is coated with a lubricant at a portion not abutted against the convex curved surface portion of the base in such a state that the slide plate is installed on the base.

In a method of installing a base isolation floor according to an eighth invention, in any one of the first to seventh inventions, in the slide plate installation process, after a plurality of the slide plates are installed on the base, a thick plate is installed on the slide plate.

In a method of installing a base isolation floor according to a ninth invention, in any one of the first to eighth inventions, in the slide plate installation process, after a plurality of the slide plates are installed on the base, the base and a peripheral edge of the slide plate are sealed, and air of a gap between the base and the slide plate is replaced with an inert gas.

A method of installing a base isolation floor according to a tenth invention in any one of the first to ninth inventions includes an OA floor installation process for installing a plurality of support members on the plurality of slide plates installed on the base without connecting the support members mutually, installing a floor material on the plurality of support members, and forming a gap between the slide plate and the floor material.

#### Advantageous Effects of Invention

According to the first to ninth inventions, since a base isolation floor can be installed by a thin plate-shaped base and a slide plate, the base isolation floor can be easily introduced, and, at the same time, the height of the floor surface is reduced, so that an effective space in a building and the like can be widened.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a basic schematic diagram of a method of installing a base isolation floor to which the present invention is applied.

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FIG. 2A is a side view of the base isolation floor as viewed from the side, FIG. 2B is a plan view of a base as viewed from above, and FIG. 2C is a plan view of a slide plate as viewed from above.

FIGS. 3A-3C are views for explaining an arrangement position of convex curved surface portions.

FIGS. 4A-4D are enlarged views showing an abutment portion of an upper surface portion of the base and a lower surface portion of the slide plate.

FIGS. 5A-5D are views for explaining details of the convex curved surface portion.

FIGS. 6A and 6B are views showing an example in which an intermittent slit is formed along a circumferential direction of the convex curved surface portion.

FIGS. 7A and 7B are cross-sectional views of the convex curved surface portion or a through-hole as viewed from the side.

FIGS. 8A-8F are views for explaining a method of installing a base isolation floor to which the present invention is applied.

FIGS. 9A and 9B are views showing an example of connection with a tape and the like according to a floor area requiring introduction of the base isolation floor.

FIG. 10A is a plan view of connected substantially rectangular bases as viewed from above, and FIG. 10B is a plan view of connected substantially rectangular slide plates as viewed from above.

FIG. 11A is a plan view of connected substantially square bases as viewed from above, FIG. 11 B is a plan view of connected slide plates installed on the bases as viewed from above, and FIG. 11C is a plan view of a state in which the slide plates are installed on the bases as viewed from above.

FIG. 12 is a view showing an example in which the base isolation floor is installed using a nonslip sheet having a high friction force instead of a double-sided tape.

FIG. 13 is a view for explaining a dedicated roller having a heating roller for preheating at its front wheel and a heating roller for press-fitting at its rear wheel.

FIG. 14 is a view showing an example in which the base and the slide surface are integrated by applying tapes on chamfered portions in a state of being closely adhered to each other.

FIGS. 15A-15D are views for explaining another constitutional example of the convex curved surface portion.

FIGS. 16A-16C are side views showing a detailed configuration when a slide plate is installed.

FIGS. 17A and 17 B are views for explaining an installation example of a protective sheet.

FIG. 18 is a view showing an example in which banking and trees are arranged to surround a peripheral edge of the base isolation floor.

FIG. 19 is a view for explaining an example in which an OA floor is formed.

FIGS. 20A and 20B are views for explaining another installation example of the base isolation floor according to the present invention.

#### DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

Hereinafter, embodiments for practicing a method of installing a base isolation floor to which the present invention is applied will be described in detail with reference to the drawings.

In the method of installing a base isolation floor to which the present invention is applied, a base isolation floor 7 is installed on an upper surface 1a of a floor 1, as shown in FIG. 1.

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FIG. 2A is a side view of the base isolation floor 7 as viewed from the side. The base isolation floor 7 is provided with a base 11 and a slide plate 21 installed on the base 11, as shown in FIG. 2A. FIG. 2B shows a plan view of the base 11 as viewed from above. The base 11 is formed into a substantially square flat plate shape whose four corners are chamfered in order to secure play of installation accuracy, and a plurality of convex curved surface portions 12 are regularly arranged on an upper surface portion 11a on the slide plate 21 side. Although the base 11 is configured such that each of the four sides of the substantially square shape has a length of about 500 mm and a thickness of about 1.5 mm, the configuration is not limited thereto, and the base 11 may have any size. Although the base 11 is made of metal and preferably stainless steel, the material is not limited thereto, and the base 11 may be made of glass, resin, or any material. The base 11 may be coated with a coat having a predetermined physicality in order to control the friction coefficient or prevent corrosion. In the adjustment of the friction coefficient of a surface of the base 11, a surface layer of at least the convex curved surface portion 12 may be covered with a hard material such as metal and ceramics, or a surface hardening treatment such as carburizing treatment and boronizing may be additionally applied to control the surface roughness, whereby the friction coefficient of the surface of the base 11 may be adjusted.

Moreover, an interval  $t$  between top portions 12a of the convex curved surface portions 12 adjacent to each other may be about 25 mm. In the present invention, the interval  $t$  is preferably 5 mm to 100 mm. The interval  $t$  is an interval requiring elimination of dust and wastes, an interval suitable for manufacturing by press molding, or an interval determined by an allowable loading capacity. Although the convex curved surface portion 12 is preferably configured to have a substantially circular shape as shown in FIG. 2B, the shape is not limited thereto. Although the convex curved surface portions 12 may be regularly aligned vertically and horizontally in plan view, this invention is not limited thereto, and as shown in FIG. 3A, the curved surface portions 12 may be formed into a zigzag shape. The convex curved surface portions 12 may be irregularly formed as shown in FIG. 3B, or the convex curved surface portions 12 having different sizes may be formed by being aligned regularly as shown in FIG. 3C.

FIG. 2C is a plan view of the slide plate 21 as viewed from above. The slide plate 21 is formed into a substantially square flat plate shape whose four corners are chamfered. In the slide plate 21, the four sides of the substantially square shape have a length of about 500 mm and a thickness of about 1.6 mm. The slide plate 21 according to the present invention is not limited thereto and may be configured to be larger than the base 11 or may be configured to have any size. The slide plate 21 may be formed of metal, glass, resin, or the like, and stainless steel may be used in only the surface layer.

FIG. 4A is an enlarged view showing an abutment portion of an upper surface portion 11a of the base 11 and a lower surface portion 21b of the slide plate 21. In the slide plate 21, a concave curved surface portion 22 and a through-hole 22a are not formed, the lower surface portion 21b is made substantially flat, and a sliding portion 23 which is a portion other than an abutment portion with the convex curved surface portion 12 can be coated with a lubricant. The lubricant is represented by grease, tetrafluoroethylene resin, and silicon resin and can reduce the friction coefficient to enhance the sliding property. The lubricant may be mixed with a powder having a particle size of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , such as diamond and may have a viscosity not less than 100 cst, such as silicon oil, grease, heavy fuel oil, and wax.

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In the slide plate 21, as shown in FIG. 4B, the lower surface portion 21b is substantially flat, and the abutment portion with the convex curved surface portion 12 is subjected to sandblasting, for example, whereby high friction portions 22b having a large friction coefficient are formed, and the sliding portion 23 may be coated with the above lubricant. The sliding portion 23 may be coated with a lubricant (not shown) such as grease, tetrafluoroethylene resin, and silicon resin, as shown in FIG. 4B. Namely, in the embodiment of FIG. 4B, the high friction portions 22b having a large friction coefficient are provided just at the abutment portion with the convex curved surface portion 12, and a lubricant having a small friction coefficient is coated onto a portion other than the abutment portion with the convex curved surface portion 12, whereby both the power of resistance until reaching the start of sliding according to the slide plate 21 and the sliding property after the start of sliding can be freely adjusted. According to this constitution, it is possible to provide an ideal base isolation device which does not easily move even if incorrectly pushed by an operator by mistake in normal times and smoothly moves when shifted from the abutment position due to occurrence of a large earthquake to exercise a base isolation performance.

In the slide plate 21, as shown in FIG. 4C, the base 11 may be able to be abutted against the slide plate 21 from the lower side through the lower surface portion 21b. More specifically, in the lower surface portion 21b, a plurality of the concave curved surface portions 22 are regularly aligned. Namely, the alignment position of the concave curved surface portions 22 corresponds to the alignment position of the convex curved surface portions 12 in plan view, and the slide plate 21 is installed on the base 11, whereby the concave curved surface portions 22 are provided to be located on the convex curved surface portion 12 in the base 11. It should be noted that the slide plate 21 is not limited to this form, and instead of the concave curved surface portions 22, the through-holes 22a may be formed to correspond to the alignment position of the convex curved surface portions 12 in plan view, as shown in FIG. 4D.

FIG. 5A is a cross-sectional view of the convex curved surface portion 12 as viewed from the side in this example. FIG. 5B is a plan view of the convex curved surface portion 12 as viewed from above in this example. In this example, as shown in FIG. 5A, the convex curved surface portion 12 is formed by press working and the like so that a diameter  $d_{12}$  of the convex curved surface in plan view is about 10 mm, a curvature radius  $r$  of the top portion 12a is about 30 mm, and a height  $H$  is about 1.0 mm. Although there is no particular limitation on the curvature constituting the convex curved surface portion 12, a top surface is particularly adjusted so that the curvature is gentle, whereby a contact area with the concave curved surface portion 22 is increased, and the sliding property may be improved. The invention is not limited to this example, and, as shown in FIGS. 5C and 5D, a substantially circular raised portion 12b may be formed outside of the concentric circle of the convex curved surface portion 12 in plan view. By virtue of the provision of the raised portion 12b, flexibility (spring property) is provided in the vertical direction, so that unevenness of the floor surface (poor plane precision) can be absorbed. The convex curved surface portion 12 may have intermittent slits 12c formed along a circumferential direction in plan view of the convex curved surface portion 12, as shown in FIGS. 6A and 6B. The slit 12c may be penetrated or may be constituted of a non-through groove. By virtue of the provision of the slit 12c, an internal stress produced when a large number of the convex curved surface

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portions **12** are press-molded can be released to a seamless steel plate, and the plane precision of the steel plate concerned can be secured.

FIG. 7A is a cross-sectional view of the concave curved surface portion **22** as viewed from the side in this example. The concave curved surface portion **22** shown in FIG. 4C has the same curvature radius as the top portion **12a** of the convex curved surface portion **12**, as shown in FIG. 7A; however, this invention is not limited thereto, the concave curved surface portion **22** may have the larger curvature radius. A depth  $h_{22}$  of the concave curved surface portion **22** is smaller than the height  $H$  of the top portion **12a** of the convex curved surface portion **12**, and the concave curved surface portion **22** is formed by press working and the like to have a depth of 0.05 mm to 0.50 mm. Moreover, a diameter  $d_{22}$  of the concave curved surface portion **22** is preferably not less than the diameter  $d_{12}$  of the convex curved surface portion **12** so that the top portion **12a** of the convex curved surface portion **12** is abutable against the inside of the concave curved surface portion **22**.

FIG. 7B is a cross-sectional view of the through-hole **22a** as viewed from the side in another example. The through-holes **22a** shown in FIG. 4D are formed using a punching tool such as a punch while the diameter  $d_{22a}$  is smaller than the diameter  $d_{12}$  of the convex curved surface portion **12** so that only the top portion **12a** of the convex curved surface portion **12** is fitted into the through-hole **22a**. When the convex curved surface portion **12** is constituted of a planar substantially circular shape, the through-hole **22a** is constituted of a planar substantially circular shape in accordance with the shape of the convex curved surface portion **12**, whereby the convex curved surface portion **12** can be fitted into the through-hole **22a** in such a state that both of them are stable.

Next, details of a method of installing a base isolation floor **7** to which the present invention is applied will be described along with the basic concept.

In the method of installing the base isolation floor **7** to which the present invention is applied, in this example, as shown in FIGS. 8A and 8B, double-sided tapes **2a** are first applied in parallel onto the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1** at intervals of the length of one side of the base **11** so as to be substantially parallel to each other. The double-sided tapes **2a** are applied substantially parallel to each other, whereby since a portion at which the double-sided tapes **2a** overlap is not generated in comparison with a case where the double-sided tapes are applied in a lattice shape, it is possible to prevent from causing an unstable state when the base isolation floor **7** is installed on the overlapping double-sided tapes **2a**. In the method of installing the base isolation floor **7** to which the present invention is applied, in another example, instead of the double-sided tape **2a**, a seal material such as an emulsion based adhesive is coated onto the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1**, whereby an adhesive layer can be formed.

Next, in the method of installing the base isolation floor **7** to which the present invention is applied, in this example, as shown in FIGS. 8C and 8D, the bases **11** are installed on the double-sided tapes **2a** applied in parallel while being aligned without intervals. The base **11** is installed on the double-sided tapes **2a** or a seal material and thereby fixed by the adhesive force of the double-sided tapes **2a** or the seal material, so that movement of the base **11** is suppressed. In the method of installing the base isolation floor **7** to which the present invention is applied, in another example, the double-sided tape **2a** or the seal material is not coated onto the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1**, and the base **11** may be directly installed on the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1**. According to this constitution, the movement of the base **11** can be suppressed by a friction

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force between the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1** and a bottom surface portion **11b** of the base **11**.

Next, as shown in FIGS. 8E and 8F, the slide plates **21** are aligned and installed on the bases **11**. In such a case, the slide plate **21** is installed so that the convex curved surface portions **12** are fitted into the concave curved surface portions **22** or the through-holes **22a** on the base **11** shown in FIGS. 4C and 4D. At this time, the slide plate **21** may be installed while being setback by a movement margin  $\delta_0$  from a peripheral edge of the base **11**. When the slide plate **21** is installed while being setback with respect to the base **11**, even if the slide plate **21** is moved by vibration of an earthquake to be described later, the slide plate **21** is prevented from being fallen from the base **11** of the peripheral edge of the base isolation floor **7**, and displacement of the slide plate **21** can be absorbed.

Even when the slide plate **21** moves beyond a range of the above setback and is fallen from the base **11**, the slide plate **21** moves on the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1** to some extent by inertia and then naturally stops. Thus, when the movement of the slide plate **21** moderately and naturally stops, overturning of precision equipment and the like placed on the slide plate **21** can be avoided.

As shown in FIGS. 9A and 9B, the slide plates **21** are used by being connected with a tape **89** or the like according to a floor area requiring introduction of the base isolation floor **7**. In another example, the bases **11** may be similarly used by being connected with a seal material such as the tape **89**. When the bases **11** and the slide plates **21** are each connected to be integrated, the base **11** and the slide plate **21** are easily positioned, and construction properties of installation can be enhanced. Furthermore, an upper surface of the integrated slide plates **21** can be widely used as the base isolation floor **7**. Moreover, the base **11** and the slide plate **21** adjacent to each other can be connected using bolts and the like. As shown in FIGS. 9A and 9B, in order to allow the above setback at the peripheral edge of the base **11**, the integrated slide plate **21** at the outermost circumference may have shape and size different from the slide plate provided on the inner circumference side.

In FIG. 10A, the bases **11** having a substantially rectangular shape and the bases **11** having a substantially square shape are connected, and in FIG. 10B, the slide plate **21** having a substantially rectangular shape and the slide plate **21** having a substantially square shape are connected. In this example, the base **11** and the slide plate **21** are different in the direction of the long side. In FIG. 11A, the bases **11** having a substantially square shape are connected, and in FIG. 11B, the slide plates **21** having a substantially rectangular shape and the small slide plates **21** having a substantially square shape are connected at the outermost circumference of the connected slide plates **21** having a substantially square shape. As shown in FIG. 11C, the slide plate **21** can be installed so that at least two sides in each of the slide plates **21** overlap the inside surrounded by four sides of the bases **11** by approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the side length. By virtue of the use of them, each side of the base **11** and each side of the slide plate **21** less likely to overlap in the earthquake motion. Thus, it is possible to avoid collision of the peripheral edge of the slide plate **21** with the peripheral edge of the base **11** due to turning-up of the base **11**. In this case, the amplitude (movable distance) of a scenario earthquake is not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the side length. When the amplitude of the scenario earthquake is 250 mm, the side length is required to be not less than 500 mm.

In the method of installing the base isolation floor **7** to which the present invention is applied, in another example, instead of the double-sided tape **2a**, a nonslip sheet **2b** having a friction force higher than that of the upper surface **1a** of the

floor 1 can be used, as shown in FIG. 12. As a method of using the nonslip sheet 2b, first, in STEP 1, equipment 4 is jacked up, for example, a foot portion 4b of the equipment 4 is spaced apart from the upper surface 1a of the floor 1 at intervals not less than the thickness of the nonslip sheet 2b, the base isolation floor 7, and a thick plate 72. Next, in STEP 2, the base isolation floor 7 and the thick plate 72 are placed on the nonslip sheet 2b, and the nonslip sheet 2b is pulled in the arrow direction in the drawing, whereby the base isolation floor 7 and the thick plate 72 are slid in between the upper surface 1a of the floor 1 and a bottom portion 4a of the equipment 4, and the base isolation floor 7 is fixed to the upper surface 1a of the floor 1 by a friction force with the nonslip sheet 2b.

Next, in STEP 3, the nonslip sheet 2b is cut at a boundary with a portion laid under the base isolation floor 7. Finally, in STEP 4, the equipment 4 is installed on the base isolation floor 7 and the thick plate 72. In the method using the nonslip sheet 2b, even when the base isolation floor 7 is applied to the existing equipment 4, the base isolation floor 7 can be slid in between only by slightly lifting up the bottom portion 4a of the equipment 4, and massive movement of the equipment 4 is not required. Thus, particularly in a case where a large power is required to lift the equipment 4 because the weight of the equipment 4 is large, the base isolation floor 7 can be installed more efficiently. It should be noted that the nonslip sheet 2b coated on its surface with resin into a granular state may be used. According to this constitution, the sliding property can be controlled by adjusting the friction force between the nonslip sheet 2b and the upper surface 1a of the floor 1 produced when the nonslip sheet 2b is actually pulled, and the friction coefficient can be increased to prevent the base isolation floor 7 installed on the nonslip sheet 2b from shifting easily during pulling work.

Moreover, the nonslip sheet 2b can be used as a substitute for the double-sided tapes 2a shown in FIGS. 8A-8F by being spread all over the upper surface 1a of the floor 1 on which the base isolation floor 7 is installed. Furthermore, the nonslip sheet 2b includes a sheet coated on its surface with olefin elastomer resin into a granular state and a sheet adhered on its surface with, for example, silicon carbide granules, glass sand granules, or white alumina granules.

Furthermore, in the method of installing the base isolation floor 7 to which the present invention is applied, in another example, when this method is used in a low temperature space of not more than 0° C., such as a freezer, a water absorbing cloth can be used instead of the double-sided tape 2a. The water absorbing cloth can be adhered to the upper surface 1a of the floor 1 by being frozen in the low temperature space. In another example, when the double-sided tape 2 is applied in the low temperature space of not more than 0° C., such as a freezer, a roller for use in refrigerating chamber 71 having a heating roller for preheating 71a at its front wheel and a heating roller for press-fitting 71b at its rear wheel may be used, as shown in FIG. 13. In this example, the double-sided tape 2a is fed from a winding portion 71c while a handle 71d is pushed by a hand, and the double-sided tape 2a can be adhered to the upper surface 1a of the floor 1, heated by the heating roller for preheating 71a provided at its front wheel, while being pressed by the heating roller for press-fitting 71b provided at its rear wheel, so that the double-sided tape 2a can be applied onto the floor 1 even in the low temperature space.

The four corners of the base 11 and the slide plate 21 are chamfered, as shown in FIG. 14, and thus, the tape 89 is applied to a chamfered portion 32 while the base 11 and the slide plate 21 are closely adhered to each other, whereby the base 11 and the slide plate 21 can be carried while being

integrated with each other. According to this constitution, since the base 11 and the slide plate 21 are conveyed while being closely adhered to each other, there is little to no gap between the base 11 and the slide plate 21, and it is possible to prevent dust from being adhered to between the base 11 and the slide plate 21. The tape 89 is peeled when the base 11 and the slide plate 21 are installed on the floor 1, and the peeled tape 89 is reusable in the connection between the adjacent bases 11 or the adjacent slide plates 21, so that smooth connecting operation becomes possible.

When the base 11 is formed of synthetic resin, a hardener 87 can be filled into the convex curved surface portion 12 shown in FIGS. 15A-15D, whereby the compressive strength of the convex curved surface portion 12 can be enhanced. In the convex curved surface portion 12, the raised portion 12b is formed outside of the concentric circle, as shown in FIG. 5C, whereby even if distortion occurs during processing, the raised portion 12b is freely elastically deformed to thereby allow absorption of the distortion.

As shown in FIGS. 15C and 15D, the inside of the convex curved surface portion 12 may be filled with the hardener 87. According to this constitution, a sufficient supporting force can be held. Furthermore, in this example, a foam 85 is fitted in around the convex curved surface portion 12. According to this constitution, a lubricant is stored, and a sliding performance can be stabilized. Moreover, in the top surface of the convex curved surface portion 12, a minute recessed portion is previously provided, whereby oil may be filled in the recessed portion. The oil can be coated onto the lower surface portion 21b of the slide plate 21 through the top surface of the convex curved surface portion 12, so that a coefficient of dynamic friction between the slide plate 21 and the base 11 can be naturally adjusted.

The slit 12c is inserted into the outer circumference of the convex curved surface portion 12, as shown in FIGS. 6A and 6B, whereby an internal stress produced when the convex curved surface portions 12 are press-molded can be released from the slit 12c. According to this constitution, in the present invention, the convex curved surface portion 12 can be formed with high accuracy. When the through-hole 22a is formed, a punching tool is used in the processing, whereby a smooth cut surface can be formed. The slide plate 21 is formed at its peripheral edge with a taper portion 84, as shown in FIG. 2A, whereby the sliding performance at the peripheral edge portion can be further enhanced.

The convex curved surface portions 12 are arranged while being aligned vertically and horizontally or arranged in a zigzag pattern, whereby sliding of the slide plate 21 can be smoothed, and moreover, a load applied from the equipment 4 is uniformized, so that stable sliding can be realized in such a state that the equipment 4 is placed on the slide plate 21. A lubricant is previously coated between the base 11 and the slide plate 21, whereby the sliding of the slide plate 21 is smoothed, and, at the same time, an effect of attenuating the vibration of an earthquake can be exercised.

A static friction coefficient between the concave curved surface portions 22 and the convex curved surface portion 12 fitted into the concave curved surface portions 22 depends on the depth of fitting and is set to 0.10 to 0.40, for example, whereby when no earthquake occurs, the movement of the slide plate 21 can be strongly suppressed. Thus, the equipment 4 placed on the base isolation floor 7 can be prevented from being easily moved by such a slight impact that a person knocks against the equipment 4 when no earthquake occurs. In another example, even in the through-hole 22a shown in FIG. 4D and the high friction portion 22b shown in FIGS. 4A and 4B, the above static friction coefficient is set to 0.10 to

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0.40, for example so as to depend on the size of the through-hole **22a**, whereby it is possible to prevent the slide plate **21** from being moved when no earthquake occurs as in the case where the concave curved surface portion **22** shown in FIG. 4C is formed.

Since the convex curved surface portion **12** has an upward convex shape, dust to be adhered to the base isolation floor **7** is fallen from the convex curved surface portion **12** by gravity. Thus, the base isolation floor **7** can prevent the above static friction coefficient from being reduced by the fact that dust is held between the convex curved surface portion **12** and the concave curved surface portion **22**.

In this example, the sliding portion **23** formed with no concave curved surface portion **22** is set low so that the coefficient of dynamic friction generated when the convex curved surface portion **12** is abutted against the sliding portion **23** is approximately 0.04. Thus, when the vibration of an earthquake is more than a static friction force between the convex curved surface portion **12** and the concave curved surface portion **22**, and when the fitting state between the convex curved surface portion **12** and the concave curved surface portion **22** is released, the slide plate **21** can smoothly slide between the convex curved surface portion **12** and the sliding portion **23**. According to this constitution, the base isolation floor **7** according to the present invention, when an earthquake occurs, the slide plate **21** slides against the base **11**, whereby the vibration of the earthquake can be absorbed. Regarding the coefficient of dynamic friction, the surface layer of the convex curved surface portion **12** is covered with a hard material such as metal and ceramics or additionally subjected to surface hardening treatment such as carburizing treatment and boronizing, whereby the coefficient of dynamic friction can be set lower, so that a stabilized sliding performance can be obtained.

As shown in FIG. 9A, a water stop material **88** such as a seal material, a grease in a sol or gel state, and wax may be filled in between the base **11** and the slide plate **21**. Consequently, intrusion of water and dust into between the base **11** and the slide plate **21** is prevented, and the base isolation floor **7** can be prevented from being oxidized and corroded. The water stop material **88** is provided at the peripheral edge of the slide plate **21**, whereby it is possible to strongly suppress intrusion of rainwater and the like. Furthermore, between the base **11** and the slide plate **21**, an outermost circumference **7a** of the base isolation floor **7** is sealed and tightly closed, and the existing inner air is replaced with an inert gas such as nitrogen gas and argon gas, whereby the base **11** and the slide plate **21** formed mainly of metal can be prevented from being oxidized by air, so that the base isolation floor **7** can be prevented from being oxidized and corroded. Moreover, the surface layers of the base **11** and the slide plate **21** are covered with polyethylene or the like, whereby chemical resistance against sulfuric acid, hydrochloric acid, aqua regia and the like can be enhanced.

When the slide plate **21** is installed while being setback, since the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1**, the upper surface portion **11a** of the base **11**, and the slide plate **21** are installed in a stepwise manner, as shown in FIG. 16A, a step between the upper surface **1a** of the floor **1** and the slide plate **21** is gentle in comparison with a case where setback is not performed. Thus, getting on and off of a carriage and the like on the floor **1** installed with no base isolation floor **7** and the base isolation floor **7** can be smoothed. In another example, when setback is not performed, a step elimination member **31** may be installed, as shown in FIG. 16B. As shown in FIG. 16C, a buffer member vertically formed with a plurality of honeycomb-shaped cylindrical portions or an elastic member

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formed of rubber, synthetic resin, or the like is used as the step elimination member **31**, whereby a step can be eliminated, and, at the same time, impact due to the movement of the slide plate **21** can be absorbed.

A protective sheet **2** is installed on the slide plate **21** while covering the base isolation floor **7**, as shown in FIGS. 17A and 17B. The protective sheet **2** may be mounted on the slide plate **21** through an adhesive portion **83** formed of a thermosetting resin such as epoxy or another material having elasticity. According to this constitution, the protective sheet **2** can be installed while being integrated with the slide plate **21**, and construction properties of the installation of the slide plate **21** and the protective sheet **2** can be enhanced. Furthermore, the protective sheet **2** is installed in an area larger than the base isolation floor **7**, whereby the base **11** and the slide plate **21** are completely covered with the protective sheet **2** and thereby configured not to be directly exposed outside, so that it is possible to prevent intrusion of dust from outside into between the base **11** and the slide plate **21** and enhance the durability of the base isolation floor **7**. In the base isolation floor **7** according to the present invention, banking **9a**, trees **9b**, and the like are arranged surrounding the peripheral edge of the base isolation floor **7**, as shown in FIG. 18, whereby the slide plate **21** can be prevented from being fallen from the base **11** constituting the peripheral edge of the base isolation floor **7**.

In the thickness of the base isolation floor **7** obtained by stacking the double-sided tape **2a**, the base **11**, the slide plate **21**, and the protective sheet **2**, a thickness  $H$  of the base **11** is 1.5 mm, a thickness  $h_{21}$  of the slide plate **21** is 1.6 mm, and a thickness  $h_2$  of the protective sheet **2** is approximately 2.0 mm, as shown in FIG. 16A, and therefore, the total thickness of the base isolation floor **7** is so thin as approximately 5.0 mm.

Since the thickness  $h_{21}$  of the slide plate **21** is so small as 1.6 mm, even when the slide plate **21** is installed while being setback with respect to the base **11**, as shown in FIG. 16A, the step between the slide plate **21** and the base **11** can be reduced. At this time, since the thickness  $H$  of the base **11** is so small as 1.5 mm, a step between the base **11** and the floor **1** can be reduced. Furthermore, the thickness of the slide plate **21** is so small as 1.6 mm, and therefore, even when the slide plate **21** is fallen from the base **11** and collides with a wall surface **9d**, the slide plate **21** can be easily buckled, so that impact due to the collision can be absorbed by hysteresis due to buckling of the slide plate **21**. Thus, the base isolation floor **7** can prevent overturning of the equipment **4** and the like installed thereon.

In the base isolation floor **7** according to the present invention, as shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B, in the bottom surface portion **11b** of the base **11**, an elastic plate **2d** which is to be just put on a floor surface without being adhered and fixed to the floor surface and is formed of synthetic rubber or the like can be installed. According to this constitution, the base isolation floor **7** can absorb not only horizontal external force due to an earthquake or the like but also vertical external force. The elastic plate **2d** can be installed on the upper surface portion **21c** of the slide plate **21**. Concrete (not shown) can be placed on the base isolation floor **7** shown in FIG. 1. Instead of placement of concrete, a floor plate formed of precast concrete (not shown) is installed, and the base isolation floor **7** and the floor plate can be joined by bolts or the like. Accordingly, increase of the height of the floor surface, on which the base isolation floor **7** is installed, due to the installation of the base isolation floor **7** is suppressed, and a wide effective space in a building can be secured. Since the thickness of the base isolation floor **7** is small, the base iso-

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lation floor 7 can be installed while the bottom portion 4a of the existing equipment 4 is lifted as shown in FIG. 12.

In the base isolation floor 7 according to the present invention, as shown in FIG. 19, a support member 92 is installed in the upper portion, a gap 91 is provided between the support member 92 and a floor material 93, and an OA floor can be formed. In a place where a precision machine such as server, requiring prevention of overturning is installed, particularly the base isolation floor 7 according to the present invention exercises an effect as a base isolation device.

The base isolation floor 7 according to the present invention is installed not only on the entire floor 1 but, as shown in FIG. 20A, may be installed intensively only on the bottom portion 4a of the specific equipment 4. According to this constitution, in the base isolation floor 7 according to the present invention, cost required for installation thereof can be suppressed in comparison with the case where the base isolation floor 7 is installed on the entire floor 1. Furthermore, in the equipment 4 having the foot portion 4b, the thick plate 72 formed of steel, wood, or the like may be disposed between the slide plate 21 and the foot portion 4b, as shown in FIG. 20A. According to this constitution, as shown in FIG. 20B, the center of gravity of the equipment 4 through the thick plate 72 can be located as above the base 11 as possible, and if the equipment 4 is on (within the range of) the base 11 along with the slide plate 21, the slide plate 21 is not fallen from above the base 11, and the base isolation function can be exercised.

Hereinabove, although the examples of the present invention have been described in detail, the above examples are merely examples of the embodiment for carrying out the invention, and the technical range of the present invention should not be limited to only these examples.

For example, in the base isolation floor 7 according to the present invention, the slide plate 21 is installed on the floor 1 so that the concave curved surface portion 22 is directed upward, and the base 11 may be installed on the slide plate 21 so that the convex curved surface portion 12 is directed downward. FIG. 15A shows a bottom view of the convex curved surface portion 12 protruded to be directed downward, and FIG. 15B shows a side view of the convex curved surface portion 12. An O-ring 86 is fitted into the convex curved surface portion 12. In this case, the hardener 87 may be supplied into the convex curved surface portion 12 installed to be directed downward. When the O-ring 86 is formed of synthetic rubber, for example, the friction coefficient with respect to the slide plate 21 can be adjusted.

## REFERENCE SIGNS LIST

1 Floor  
 1a Upper surface of floor  
 2 Protective sheet  
 2a Double-sided tape  
 2b Nonslip sheet  
 2c Water absorbing cloth  
 2d Elastic plate  
 4 Equipment  
 4a Bottom portion of equipment  
 4b Foot portion of equipment  
 7 Base isolation floor  
 7a Outermost circumference of base isolation floor  
 9a Banking  
 9b Tree  
 11 Base  
 11a Upper surface portion of base  
 11b Bottom surface portion of base

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12 Convex curved surface portion  
 12a Top portion  
 12b Raised portion  
 12c Slit  
 12d O-ring  
 21 Slide plate  
 21a Lower surface portion of slide plate  
 21b Taper portion  
 21c Upper surface portion of slide plate  
 22 Concave curved surface portion  
 22a Through-hole  
 22b High friction portion  
 22c Oil  
 23 Slide portion  
 31 Step elimination member  
 32 Chamfered portion  
 71 Roller for use in refrigerating chamber  
 71a Heating roller for preheating  
 71b Heating roller for press-fitting  
 72 Thick plate  
 84 Taper portion  
 85 Foam  
 86 O-ring  
 87 Hardener  
 88 Water stop material  
 89 Tape  
 91 Gap  
 92 Support member  
 93 Floor material

The invention claimed is:

1. A method of installing a base isolation floor, the method comprising:

installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases on a nonslip sheet which is placed on a floor surface, wherein the nonslip sheet has a friction coefficient larger than that of the floor surface, and wherein the plurality of bases have a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions aligned on upper surfaces thereof;

installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates, each having a substantially flat lower surface, on the bases such that the slide plates are movable by an earthquake motion; and

pulling an end of the nonslip sheet to slide the nonslip sheet along the floor surface to position the slide plates and the bases beneath a bottom portion of a piece of equipment, and installing the piece of equipment onto the slide plates;

wherein the bases and the slide plates are installed such that a slide plate among the slide plates is movable by the earthquake motion to be dropped from above the bases onto the floor surface around the bases, and moved on the floor surface by inertia to be decelerated and stopped.

2. A method of installing a base isolation floor, the method comprising:

installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases on double-sided tapes applied onto a floor surface and thereby arranging the bases on the floor surface, wherein the double-sided tapes are arranged on the floor surface in a plurality of columns to be substantially parallel to each other, and wherein the plurality of bases have a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions aligned on upper surfaces thereof; and

installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates, each having a substantially flat lower surface, on the bases such that the slide plates are movable by an earthquake motion,

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wherein the bases and the slide plates are installed such that a slide plate among the slide plates is movable by the earthquake motion to be dropped from above the bases onto the floor surface around the bases, and moved on the floor surface by inertia to be decelerated and stopped; and

wherein the method further comprises, when installing the bases in a space with a room temperature of not more than 0° C., preheating the floor surface using a forward first heating roller, and applying and press-fitting the double-sided tape onto the preheated floor surface using a second heating roller which is arranged rearward of the forward first heating roller.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein each of the bases has a thickness of 1.5 mm.

4. The method according to claim 2, wherein a lower surface of each of the slide plates is coated with a lubricant at a portion not abutted against the convex curved surface portions of the bases in a state in which the slide plates are installed on the bases.

5. The method according to claim 2, wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, a thick plate is further installed on the slide plates.

6. A method of installing a base isolation floor, the method comprising:

installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases on double-sided tapes applied onto a floor surface and thereby arranging the bases on the floor surface, wherein the double-sided tapes are arranged on the floor surface in a plurality of columns to be substantially parallel to each other, and wherein the plurality of bases have a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions aligned on upper surfaces thereof; and

installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates, each having a substantially flat lower surface, on the bases such that the slide plates are movable by an earthquake motion,

wherein the bases and the slide plates are installed such that a slide plate among the slide plates is movable by the earthquake motion to be dropped from above the bases onto the floor surface around the bases, and moved on the floor surface by inertia to be decelerated and stopped, and

wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, the bases and a peripheral edge of the slide plates are sealed, and air of a gap between the bases and the slide plates is replaced with an inert gas.

7. The method according to claim 2, further comprising: installing a plurality of support members on the slide plates installed on the bases without connecting the support members mutually, and installing a floor material on the support members, thereby forming a gap between the slide plates and the floor material and thereby installing an Over and Above (OA) floor.

8. The method according to claim 6, wherein each of the bases has a thickness of 1.5 mm.

9. A method of installing a base isolation floor, the method comprising:

installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases on an adhesive layer coated onto a floor surface and thereby arranging the bases on the floor surface, wherein the plurality of bases have a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions aligned on upper surfaces thereof; and

installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates, each having a substantially flat lower surface, on the bases such that the slide plates are movable by an earthquake motion,

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wherein the bases and the slide plates are installed such that a slide plate among the slide plates is movable by the earthquake motion to be dropped from above the bases onto the floor surface around the bases, and moved on the floor surface by inertia to be decelerated and stopped, and

wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, the bases and a peripheral edge of the slide plates are sealed, and air of a gap between the bases and the slide plates is replaced with an inert gas.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein each of the bases has a thickness of 1.5 mm.

11. The method according to claim 6, wherein a lower surface of each of the slide plates is coated with a lubricant at a portion not abutted against the convex curved surface portions of the bases in a state in which the slide plates are installed on the bases.

12. The method according to claim 9, wherein a lower surface of each of the slide plates is coated with a lubricant at a portion not abutted against the convex curved surface portions of the bases in a state in which the slide plates are installed on the bases.

13. The method according to claim 1, wherein a lower surface of each of the slide plates is coated with a lubricant at a portion not abutted against the convex curved surface portions of the bases in a state in which the slide plates are installed on the bases.

14. The method according to claim 6, wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, a thick plate is further installed on the slide plates.

15. The method according to claim 9, wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, a thick plate is further installed on the slide plates.

16. The method according to claim 1, wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, a thick plate is further installed on the slide plates.

17. The method according to claim 9, wherein each of the bases has a thickness of 1.5 mm.

18. A method of installing a base isolation floor, the method comprising:

installing a plurality of plate-shaped bases on a nonslip sheet which is placed on a floor surface, wherein the nonslip sheet has a friction coefficient larger than that of the floor surface, and wherein the plurality of bases have a plurality of upward convex curved surface portions aligned on upper surfaces thereof; and

installing a plurality of plate-shaped slide plates, each having a substantially flat lower surface, on the bases such that the slide plates are movable by an earthquake motion,

wherein the bases and the slide plates are installed such that a slide plate among the slide plates is movable by the earthquake motion to be dropped from above the bases onto the floor surface around the bases, and moved on the floor surface by inertia to be decelerated and stopped, and

wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, the bases and a peripheral edge of the slide plates are sealed, and air of a gap between the bases and the slide plates is replaced with an inert gas.

19. The method according to claim 1, wherein after the slide plates are installed on the bases, the bases and a peripheral edge of the slide plates are sealed, and air of a gap between the bases and the slide plates is replaced with an inert gas.

20. The method according to claim 6, further comprising:  
installing a plurality of support members on the slide plates  
installed on the bases without connecting the support  
members mutually, and installing a floor material on the  
support members, thereby forming a gap between the  
slide plates and the floor material and thereby installing  
an OA floor. 5

21. The method according to claim 9, further comprising:  
installing a plurality of support members on the slide plates  
installed on the bases without connecting the support  
members mutually, and installing a floor material on the  
support members, thereby forming a gap between the  
slide plates and the floor material and thereby installing  
an OA floor. 10

22. The method according to claim 1, further comprising: 15  
installing a plurality of support members on the slide plates  
installed on the bases without connecting the support  
members mutually, and installing a floor material on the  
support members, thereby forming a gap between the  
slide plates and the floor material and thereby installing  
an OA floor. 20

23. The method according to claim 18, wherein each of the  
bases has a thickness of 1.5 mm.

24. The method according to claim 18, wherein a lower  
surface of each of the slide plates is coated with a lubricant at  
a portion not abutted against the convex curved surface por-  
tions of the bases in a state in which the slide plates are  
installed on the bases. 25

25. The method according to claim 18, wherein after the  
slide plates are installed on the bases, a thick plate is further  
installed on the slide plates. 30

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